



2017 Self-Governance Conference

OST Update

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Today's Topics



Update on
activities related to
ITARA



Promoting Self-
Governance & Self-
Determination



ITARA Update

- Number of Consultations Held
- Congressional Deadline
- OST Functions



ITARA Update

- Secretary Jewell submitted response to Congress in compliance with Section 304
- OST monetary and interrelated functions remain independent
- Section 304 of the legislation is satisfied



Next Step For ITARA: Section 305(a)

- Evaluating options
- Secretary must ensure that appraisals and valuations of Indian Trust property are administered by a single entity within Interior by December 21, 2017
- Secretary Jewell advised Congress OAS could move as single entity to a another office



Appraisals and Valuations

- Section 305(b) and (c)
 - Department reviewing the proposed rule
 - Secretary has until June 21, 2017 to publish minimum qualifications
 - Appraisals will **NOT** require additional review or approval by the Secretary



Beneficiary Processes Program (BPP)

- Tribes assume responsibility for:
 - Individual Indian Money accounting technical functions
 - ✓ Processing transactions
 - ✓ Use OST accounting system database
 - ✓ Resolve rejected transactions
 - ✓ Recording all beneficiary contacts



Appraisals

- Tribal operation of Real Estate Appraisal Program
 - Appraisals on trust or restricted property
 - Report prepared by state-certified appraiser
 - Timely completion of report
 - Preserve all Indian fiduciary trust records



Contracting and Compacting

Tribal Participation

- 29 tribes compacted
- 6 Tribes contracted



Withdrawal of Trust Funds

- American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994
 - Provides tribes opportunity to manage funds held in trust
 - OST provides Technical Assistance
 - Consistent with the principle of self-determination



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